

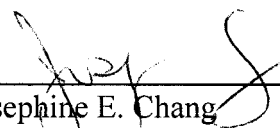
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-9 and 12-34 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 19-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 4-9, 12-19, and 23-34 are currently amended. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration and an early indication of allowance of pending claims 4-9 and 12-34 are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during a telephone interview conducted on April 13, 2010. During the telephone interview, the rejection of claims 4-9, 12-18, and 23-34 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph were discussed. The above amendments to the claims were also discussed. The Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Furthermore, the Examiner agreed to enter the amendments as an amendment after final. Accordingly, an early indication of allowance of pending claims 4-9 and 12-34 is respectfully requested.

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